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II—Fire Funds... 3,837,047.  
III—Life & Annuity Funds... 17,587,580.  
Sinking Fund Account... 121,230.  
£23,970,367.

Revenue Fire Branch... £2,381,456.  
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Branches... 337,539.  
Revenue Marine Department... 478,940.  
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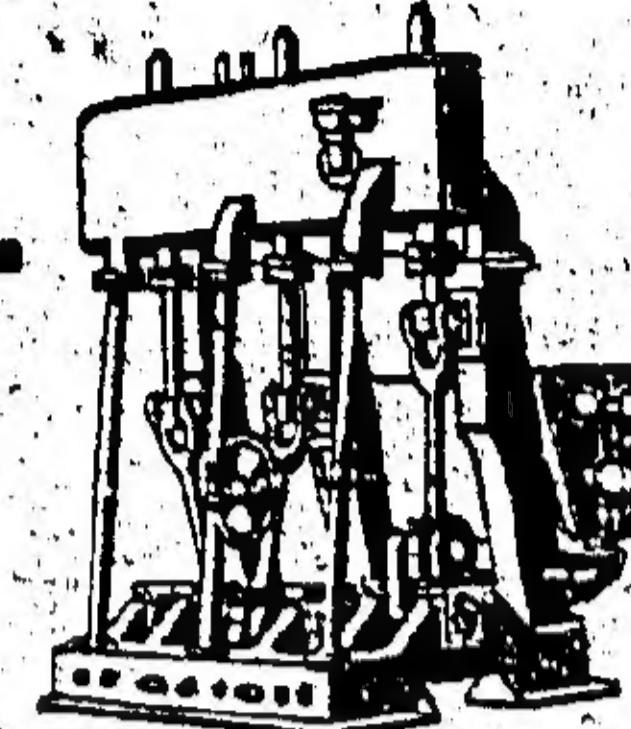
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WONG FENG WA, Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1918.

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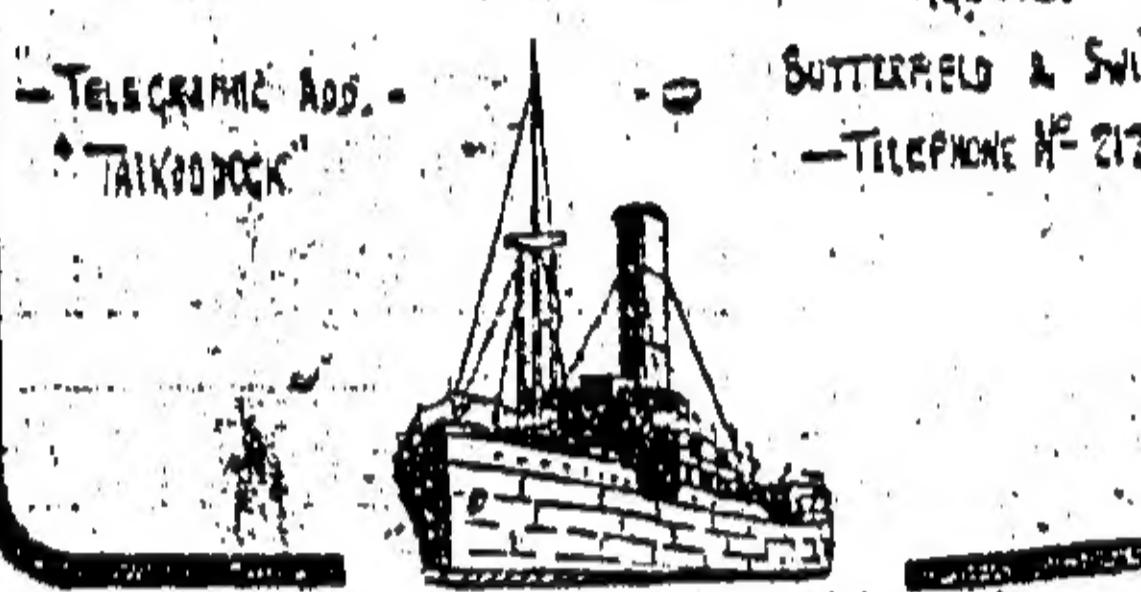


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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

Reuter's Service to the China Mail:

THE AIR-RAID ON  
LONDON.

GREAT SATISFACTION AT RESULT  
OF RAID.

LONDON, May 20.

All reports confirm that the raiders were everywhere harassed by our airmen and gunners. Searchlights greatly aided our gunners.

At one point, the searchlights showed one of our machines pursuing a Gotha and machine-gun fire was heard in the intervals of the booming of big guns. Then there was a burst and flame and the Gotha crashed to the ground.

At another place a formation of Gothas was seen under our aeroplanes, and machine-gun fire was heard; then a great flash and a Gotha came down spirally, the occupants jumping out before it smashed. It is reported that all of them were killed.

Great satisfaction is felt at this result of the raid, especially after the British raid on Cologne, when our aviators returned scathless.

THE CASUALTIES.

LONDON, May 20.

The Press Bureau states:—The casualties in Sunday's air-raid on London and district were:—

Men Women Children

Killed 17 14 6  
Injured 88 49 23

In the provinces none were killed, but two men, three women and one child were injured.

Considerable damage was done to house property.

ALLIED AIR-RAID ON  
COLOGNE.

HAVOC AND DESTRUCTION  
CAUSED.

25 KILLED AND 47 INJURED.

AMSTERDAM, May 20.

It is reported that 25 were killed and 47 injured in the Allied air-raid on Cologne, cabled on May 19.

The bombs fell mostly in the centre of the city, causing a terrible panic and considerable damage. Several buildings were wrecked.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE

TIMED TO COMMENCE  
IMMEDIATELY.

LONDON, May 20.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

There was much violent gun-fire at night-time and it continued spasmodically. To-day is one of the dates mentioned, according to trench gossip, as likely to witness the renewal of the German offensive. We shall see.

The dazzling sky is incendiary and glowing with our machines.

On Saturday the Australians succeeded in carrying forward our line to Ville-sous-Couleuvre on a front of two miles.

RUSSIAN TURKESTAN A REPUBLIC

NEWS CONFIRMED

PARIS, May 22.

The news that the Soviets have proclaimed Russian Turkestan a Republic is confirmed.

LENIN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

M. Lenin, speaking here, outlined his foreign policy as follows:

"Until the Revolution has broken out in Western Europe we must maintain the retreat and wait."

(Continued on page 6.)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1918.

# THE CHINA MAIL.



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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concierge),

SATURDAY,  
the 25th May, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Lee House Street,

SUNDAY  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,  
(Removed to Sales Room for Convenience  
of Sale).

including a quantity E.P. and Silver Ware:-

Viz. Cruets, Salt Cellars, Flower Vases, Large Clock, Ornaments, Large Vases, Photo Frames, Serviette Rings, &c., &c.

Two Saddles, Lady's and Gent's. One Oliver Typewriter (as new)

Also

Piano by Collard & Collard in splendid condition.

And

Pair Twin Brass Beds, Box and Hair Mattresses.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1918. 443

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

(for account of the concierge),

THURSDAY,  
the 30th May, 1918, at 2.30 p.m.,  
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Top Floor, Kowloon.  
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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
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Consisting of:-  
Teakwood Sideboard, Table, Chairs, Settee and Card Table (specially made and coloured to owner's design); upholstered Arm-chairs and Covers, Teakwood Twin Beds, Dressing Table, Chest-f-drawers, Crockery and Glassware, &c., &c.

Also

ICE CHEST, BATE, STOVE, &c., &c.,  
and BABY'S COT.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
On View from the 29th at 8 p.m.

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Hongkong, May 18, 1918. 444

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Hongkong May 1, 1918. 446

## AUCTION.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of May, 1918, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Repulse Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

### Particulars of the Lot.

Number	Description	Boundary Measurements.		Dimensions	Surface Area
		Length	Width		
1	Repulse Bay	ft. per sale plan.	ft.	100.00	100.00

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### FOR SALE.

"GALESSEND," 109 THE PEAK,  
6 Rooms.  
Apply C. H. GALE,  
P. W. D.  
Hongkong, Mar. 23, 1918. 277

### FOR SALE.

523—LADY'S MUFF and CAPE  
COLLARS of Real Fur Black Skins; and two White Furs at \$10 each.  
Apply from 12 to 7 p.m. Room 86,  
King Edward Hotel. [447]

### FOR SALE.

PEARL PIN-CRAVAT; Photo-appar.  
Kodak-Cartridge No. 4 with Dopp.  
Anast. Goerz. Apply from 12—7 p.m.  
King Edward Hotel. [448]

### FOR SALE.

150—PEARL THREAD NECKLACE  
and PEARL PIN-CRAVAT.  
Apply from 12 to 7 p.m. Room 86,  
King Edward Hotel. [449]

### TO LET.

FURNISHED FLAT in Queen's  
Gardens, from 1st-June.  
Apply to—  
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1918. 457

### TO LET.

NO. 1 CARNARVON ROAD, Kowloon,  
N. well-built Two-Storey European  
House, good Locality.

### TO LET.

TU KAM HING,  
C/o Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES &  
MASTER.  
Hongkong, April 20, 1918. 368

### TO LET.

RESIDENTIAL FLAT in Prince's  
Building.

### TO LET.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST.  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1918. 309

### TO LET.

NO. 57 THE PEAK, "LUSTLEIGH."  
HOUSES on Shameen, Canton.

### TO LET.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST.  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
45 Conduit Road Central.

### TO LET.

FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon.  
Four roomed houses in Kowloon.

### TO LET.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
CO., LTD.  
Alexandra Buildings,  
Hongkong, August 18, 1917. 303

## COTTON YARN TRADE AT HONGKONG.

According to a report by Mr. George F. Anderson, U. S. Consul General, Hongkong, the hold Japanese fine-count yarns have secured in the past two years in the Hongkong market for knitting yarns to the exclusion of American and British knitting yarns has been confirmed in a conclusive way during the past year, and at the present time practically no American or British yarn is coming into the field. This situation has developed not only out of the fact that Japanese yarns made from cheap Chinese and Indian cotton and shipped on subsidized steamers at special rates of freight can be sold at prices far below the quotable prices on American and British yarns, but also because of the increasing difficulty of securing yarns from either the United States or Great Britain at any price.

A recent order for 60s placed in the United States at \$2.30 Hongkong currency, or about \$1.60 gold, per pound and amounting to about \$30,000 in value has not yet been filled, while Japanese 60s are selling at the equivalent of \$2.62 per pound, or \$1.93 gold, and 12/1s at \$1.43 gold. In short the Japanese small-count yarns have taken the entire knitting-yarn market in South China at the present time, and only a revolution in American prices will effect any change in the situation.

### YEAR'S UNPREDICTED FLUCTUATIONS.

Aside from this phase the year's record was remarkable for the fact that it never in the history of the trade has it experienced such violent fluctuations as those or such rapid changes in conditions as have been experienced. In January "tons" counts were quoted at \$1.42 to \$1.33, on exchange then prevailing, from \$2.72 to \$7.40 gold per bale. In August the price had advanced to around \$200 local currency, or at exchange then ruling \$1.40 gold, per bale. At that time cotton was quoted at \$0.42 a pound. When a little later it fell to \$0.32 there was a corresponding collapse in the yarn market that but ruined many Hongkong importers.

Immediately thereafter silver took its great flight in price and exchange rose to a point where business in cotton yarn was simply impossible. Only a combination between middlemen and importers by which it was arranged that no imports should be made until the supply of yarns in the local market had cleared up, at living prices, saved the business from complete ruin. The recovery of cotton later on saved the situation, and the continued advance in the value of stocks following advances in the price of cotton during the closing months of 1917 brought about much better conditions that some of the dealers will be able to show substantial profits for the year in spite of the extraordinary crisis through which the business has passed.

### TRADE NOT UP TO AVERAGE.

The trade in yarn in general was not up to the average in volume or profit, probably owing to the fact that the demand for cotton yarns is still not so great as the demand for other types of yarns, such as silk, wool, &c., &c. The sales for 1917 were 142,000 bales, of which 35,000 bales were Japanese and substantially the whole of the balance was Indian. The arrivals for 1918 were 154,150 bales, of which 25,300 were Japanese and the balance Indian. The sales for 1917 are placed at 94,000 bales, and there is carried over a stock of something like 60,000 bales a considerable portion of which has been sold but not yet cleared.

Aside from the great fluctuations in prices above noted the trade was held back by political troubles and disturbed conditions in the interior districts of China, where the greatest field for cotton yarns exists. Then, too, the high range of prices has been such as to restrict Chinese consumption, so that just as soon as the price of cotton yarn or cotton piece goods begins to go beyond a certain point the Chinese grow their own cotton, and their own yarn, and save their own cloth. There has been a great revival of native cotton production and spinning in the past two years in South China, and continued high prices of cotton in the United States and the rest of the world will stimulate the industry further.

### BRITAIN'S WAR BOND FLEET.

MONEY FOR 164 SHIPS, 4,000 AERO.  
PLANES AND 15,000 TANKS.

During Business Men's Week each town was given the definite task of investing in War Bonds sufficient money to by a war vessel or aeroplanes. Reckoning only towns with populations over 10,000, sufficient money was subscribed to buy:

Exch.
Super-Dreadnoughts ... £5,500,000
Light Cruisers ..... 400,000
Monitors ..... 250,000
Destroyers ..... 150,000
Submarines ..... 100,000
Aero. Planes ..... 2,500

Liverpool, whose task it was to provide one super-Dreadnought, subscribed more than enough to buy five. London subscribed enough for a fleet of 15,000 tanks. Those East Coast towns which have sent in more directly from the Government of war, civilian, have almost without exception exceeded the quota handsomely. Among them are West Hartlepool, Scarborough, Hull, Whitby, Lowestoft, and Southend.

Of the half-billion raised on Tank Day at Shoreham, £20,000 was collected by the mayor, £50,000 coming from his personal friends.

### The Man Who Gets There

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mutes blood—lots of it—life-giving, brain-nourishing, strength-replenishing blood.

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## THE FRENCH COAST.

### FRANCE'S PART IN THE WAR ON U-BOATS.

[BY G. H. PERIN IN THE "DAILY CHRONICLE"]

### WITH THE FRENCH FLEET.

A sailor stood out on the parapet of one of the old forts, flag-wagging. The Commandant said it would be a half-hour ere the convoy came in; so we lay down in the heather to enjoy the play of sunshine and sky and wave, and to dream over what we had already seen. Far below stretched, on one hand, the bay, a purple sheet scarcely ruffled, reaching out arms into its clouded circle of hills; on the other, the Atlantic, whipped white by a smart west wind.

The other day this would have meant to me no more than any like scene of peace-time memories—the noble expanse before New York, the roadstead of Liverpool, full of hooping birds from all the oceans, the narrow gate beside forgotten Troy, or the sapphire crisscut of the Mediterranean.

True, the newer type shows great improvement, apart from their war mechanism and material. In one I visited, the upper deck was divided into seven sections—petty officers' quarters, accumulators, the central post and portcabin, chamber, officers' cabin and berths, petrol engines and crew's quarters—and economy of space has surely never been carried out so ingeniously.



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

TRIAL OF EX-TSAR  
ORDERED BY BOLSHEVIK  
COMMISSION.

PETROGRAD, May 20.  
It is announced from Moscow that the Bolshevik Commission, presided over by Ensign Krylinko, has ordered the trial of the ex-Tsar. The charges include causing the coup d'etat of changing the Electoral Law of the Duma, and illegally disbursing public funds.

An escort of Lettish Rifles is being sent to Tobolsk to bring the ex-Tsar to Moscow.

(A recent announcement by the Soviet authorities stated that the Tsar, Tsarina and one daughter had been transferred to Ekaterinburg owing to the alleged efforts of peasants and monarchists in the neighbourhood of Tobolsk to prevent their escape.)

ANARCHIST MOVEMENT AT  
MOSCOW SUPPRESSED.

PETROGRAD, May 20.  
It is officially announced that the anarchist movement at Moscow has been completely suppressed. Eighty anarchist organisations have been dissolved and over 300 anarchists arrested. Order has been re-established after severe gunfire, causing important damage.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR AND EMPRESS  
IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

AMSTERDAM, May 20.  
The Emperor and Empress of Austria have arrived at Constantinople.

THE AFTER CARE OF  
DISABLED MENHOW TO ALLEVIATE THEIR  
SUFFERINGS.CONFERENCE OPENED BY  
DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, May 20.  
The Inter-Allied Conference on the after care of disabled soldiers and sailors has opened at London. The delegates present came from England, Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Serbia, the United States, Siam, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India.

Mr. John Hodge, Minister of Pensions, presided.

The Duke of Connaught, opening the Conference on behalf of His Majesty the King, said they were all united to bring light on the subject and discuss all that is new and scientifically possible to alleviate the sufferings and heal the wounds of the brave and gallant men who shed their blood for their home and country.

## ARRESTS IN IRELAND.

## ESTIMATED AT HUNDRED.

## WHY THEY WERE MADE.

LONDON, May 20.  
Correspondents at Dublin estimate that the arrests do not exceed 100, though the Times places the number at 150.

Some 70 were deported to England on Saturday night and immediately taken to a rest camp on arrival at Holyhead, though the Countess Markievicz was sent to London.

The Daily Telegraph's Lobby Correspondent states that the arrests were due to documents found on a man who was caught on the coast of Ireland in a collapsible boat, presumably, from a German submarine. He is now in the Tower.

PUBLICATION OF EVIDENCE  
PROMISED.

LATER.  
It is understood that evidence of complicity between the Sinn Fein leaders and the enemy is being prepared and will be published shortly.

LORD RHONDDA TO REMAIN FOOD  
CONTROLLER.

LONDON, May 20.  
It is understood that Lord Rhondda has consented to remain the Food Controller.

ALWAYS RECOMMEND IT.  
Claims aggregating nearly \$6,000,000, are pending in the New York Courts against the Cunard Steamship Co. in connection with the loss of life and effects by the sinking of the *Lusitania*. The contention set up for the claimants is that negligence was shown.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## BRITISH LINE ADVANCED.

LONDON, May 19.  
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters reports:- Our line has been advanced over useful ground in the direction of Dernancourt. Considerable losses were inflicted on the Germans of whom 200 were taken prisoners.

## MORE PRISONERS TAKEN.

LONDON, May 20.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:-

We took a few prisoners in a successful raid on May 19 in the Albert sector. We heavily repulsed an attempted enemy raid northward of Hinges.

Hostile artillery firing increased considerably during the night on the Albert-Bucquoy front.

SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALIAN  
ENTERPRISE.

LONDON, May 20.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:-

A local operation at Villers-sur-Acre was completely successful, the Australians carrying the German positions in and around the village, of which they took possession, with 360 prisoners and 20 machine-guns. Our casualties were light.

We successfully raided a post south-westward of Matzen, inflicting casualties.

## AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, May 20.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:-

Our aeroplane dropped 19 tons of bombs on the railway stations at Coutrai, Valenciennes, Aulnoye, Roulers and Chaulnes and also on aerodromes, dumps and billets.

The majority of the air-fighting occurred well eastward of the Somme.

We brought down 21 and drove down two machines. Eight British machines are missing.

Flying was possible for only half the night owing to a thick mist, but 10 tons of bombs were dropped on the railway stations at Marœuil, Haubourdin, Douai and Chaulnes, and on billets in the neighbourhoods of Bapaume and Bray, also on railway works and the lock-gates at Zeebrugge.

One of our machines has not returned.

## THE FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, May 20.  
A French communiqué states only intermittent artillery fire north and south of the Aisne.

## ENEMY TRENCHES PENETRATED.

LONDON, May 20.  
A French communiqué states:-

There was fairly lively artillery fire in the region of Haugard, south of the Aisne.

Detachments penetrated as far as the enemy's third trench northwest of Rethain in the direction of Bermercourt, carried out much destruction and brought back prisoners and material.

AMERICANS IN NORTHERN  
FRANCE.

COUNTRY THICKLY POPULATED  
WITH TROOPS.

LONDON, May 20.  
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters states:-

Parts of northern France have become almost suddenly thickly populated with American fighting troops. Great American training camps and depots have sprung up at spots where two months ago only British khaki was normally seen. The outstanding impression of the American organisation may be summed up in the word "Thoroughness."

One is conscious at every turn of the resolve of the "Sammies" to fight till victory is secured.

Intensified training is being tirelessly carried out in combination with the British and French.

Large formations are steadily being drafted to augment the Americans already in the fighting line and these are immediately replaced by still larger numbers.

## AIR-RAID ON LONDON.

FOUR ENEMY MACHINES  
BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, May 20.  
The Press Bureau announces that four of the aeroplanes which raided London and the south-east on Sunday night were brought down.

The raid appears to have been on a large scale.

A considerable number of bombs were dropped.

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## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

VALUABLE FRENCH CO-  
OPERATION.

LONDON, May 20.

A French Eastern communiqué states: French and Italians carried out on May 18th to 19th a series of operations west of Koritz, with the objects of reducing the very prominent salient forming the line of the enemy positions also of extending the Allied front to better advantage. All the objectives were attained despite very considerable difficulties owing to the nature of the ground in a mountainous and trackless region and the vigorous resistance of the enemy, who frequently counter-attacked.

Our advance reached a depth of twenty kilometres in the centre.

## ENEMY COMPELLED TO RETIRE.

LATEN.

An Italian official message reports:- There is considerable local fighting on the whole front.

We completely repulsed an attack on Mount Mantello, also in the Adamello district, where we compelled the enemy to retire, leaving a hundred dead and wounded.

We carried out several successful raids at various points.

GERMANS VIOLATE THEIR PLEDGE  
TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 20.

The Foreign Commissary requested the withdrawal of the troops.

TROOPS ADVANCING BEYOND  
FIXED BOUNDARY.

LONDON, May 20.

A Russian wireless message states:- The Germans in the Revel region violated the boundary fixed on March 6, and advanced eastwards despite protests from the Russian Commander.

The Foreign Commissary requested

the withdrawal of the troops.

## A HUNNISH EXECUTION.

The White Guards at Helsingfors executed the Russian Fleet Commissary M. Jemchukov on the pretext of his conducting a revolutionary campaign among German marines. The German Commander replied to the protest of the Russian Admiral that M. Jemchukov had outlawed himself by inciting mutiny. Consequently his execution is exclusively a Hunnish affair.

## GERMANS OCCUPY BJORKO.

PETROGRAD, May 17.

The Germans have occupied Bjorko on the Gulf of Finland, south of Viborg.

MUSSULMANS AND SOVIET  
FORCES IN CONFLICT.

PETROGRAD, May 17.

The Soviet forces at Baku are in conflict with the Musulmans.

A Moscow paper states that 2,000 were killed and 3,000 wounded.

Various parts of the town, including entire streets, and the Persian Bazaar, are burning.

GERMAN ADVANCE ON SOUTH  
RUSSIA.

KURSK EVACUATED.

LONDON, May 20.

Indications that the Germans are still advancing in South Russia can be gathered from a Moscow message dated May 16, stating that the Russian evacuation of Kursk has begun. The railway traffic to this place is militarily supervised.

The Communist newspaper *Pravda* urges the speeding up of enlarged preparations for the renewal of hostilities and says the Brestovik outbreaks is drawing to a close.

## ATTEMPT TO FREE GREAT RUSSIA.

WHOLE POPULATION ARMED.

LONDON, May 20.

A Russian wireless message states that General Skoropadski is declared an impostor at various places in Ukraine.

The Peasant Assembly at Kiev, numbering 20,000, was closed by the officials.

The population is exasperated. The District Assemblies have decided to burn all bread and other provisions.

Landowners are declared outcasts. Skoropadski has no troops except a bodyguard of a hundred. The country is groaning with hunger, misery and slavery.

Everybody is endeavouring to free Great Russia. Guerrilla bands are being formed. Members of the Habsburgs are regarded as traitors. Almost the whole population is armed. Attempts to disarm them are resisted to the death. Towns and villages are afire.

The Germans are everywhere appointing their own officials and exporting to Germany all the provisions they can seize.

## CLUMSY HUN LIES.

LUDICROUS STORIES OF WALL ST.  
COLLAPSE ON PEACE NEWS.

George Washington, according to myth, could not tell a lie. Germans cannot tell a lie artistically and successfully. It is a point of contrast, not of resemblance, and it is brought into strong relief by the ludicrous efforts of the Press of the Fatherland in regard to the fancied effects of the Franco-German peace treaty on American financial institutions.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, in a recent issue, with the statement in its headline that Wall Street had suffered something approaching collapse on receipt of the news, "Catastrophic panic," "Terrible Scene," "Collapse of Sterling (British) Exchange," and "Markt Boering in Trance," were a few of the fancy items printed as representing the condition of Wall and Broad Streets. Other newspapers followed suit, adding little embroideries of their own.

Then the *Frankfurter Zeitung* burst the bubble with an unkind reminder that when its neighbours were printing the "horrible story" of what was happening in New York, daylight had not dawned in the city, and that it was still dark in New York.

The day when the gathering truth was printed was one of those which President Wilson had ordained should be a public holiday, in order to have coal combustion in Wall Street world, to be about as deserted as St. Paul's Churchyard early on a Sunday morning.

## AUSTRO-GERMAN ALLIANCE.

TO RESIST TERRIBLE  
EMBRACE OF COMMON  
ENEMIES.

AMSTERDAM, May 18.

A message from Vienna states that Count Burian has informed the newspaper *Arbeiderbladet* that the discussion at German Headquarters led to a complete understanding regarding the basis of the alliance, which has now become an imperative necessity in order to resist the terrible embrace of the common enemies.

The new alliance would be defensive and would show a united Austro-Germany, unbeatable.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN FRENCH  
AIRMAN.

PARIS, May 19.

The famous aviator Gilbert has been killed in a flying accident.

## COUNT PLUNKETT ARRESTED.

LONDON, May 20.

The Sinn Feiner, Count Plunkett, has been arrested.

## FOUR DAYS OF CAPTIVITY.

LADIES' THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Maifeng, May 6.

About two o'clock in the afternoon of April 21 when Miss Schmidt and her sister Mrs. Dixon were riding in a foreign wagon twelve miles from Tangshan near the borders of Honan, Shantung and Nankang Provinces, two robbers armed with revolvers compelled the driver to stop, searched the wagon, taking what money and good clothes they could find in their suit cases, one quilt and a fine steamer rug and unhooked the best mule from the team. They then compelled the ladies to accompany them, hiring horses for them at a near village. They told the ladies not to fear, that they would be freed upon the payment of four thousand dollars ransom, which sum they later reduced to one thousand.

After dark they journeyed over hills and through sandy river beds to a village where the barrowmen were disguised on the pretence of securing a cart, but after skulking about dark corners the robbers were hidden in a house with one bandit watcher who bade them rest, which they did the best they could with one comfort and their wraps. Here they remained all the next day and till ten o'clock at night when a barrow was secured for Mrs. Dixon, and Miss Schmidt had to walk for four hours to another village. Reaching there at two o'clock Sunday morning a family was forced to open their gate and take them in at threat of being shot. Here they seemed much more needed rest and the native hostess was very sympathetic and told them how they feared the robbers so she did not dare take them home. All the time the different bands came to see them and made remarks about a whole band came and demanded that we be brought out. Dressed in gay-colored robes and armed with weapons and flags waving the bandits stood in two rows facing each other, and scoffed and mocked the ladies until they thought death imminent. However, the robbers said they were going to take them to Tangshan, which proved to be true. From the vile conversations they realized they were in great danger among those wicked men, but God was their protector. Barrows were finally secured but only about half the journey was made and so they were hidden in another village all day Monday. The day was spent in prayer and fasting much to the perplexity of the bandits, one of whom offered them cigarettes saying, "these are yours, not ours." Then they assured them they would take them to Tangshan, arriving about midnight. Eight bandits accompanied them till daylight when suddenly the horsemen rode off and the footmen disappeared one by one, and they were surrounded by a rescue party of some fifty

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For the last few months, writes Dr. Harold Williams in the "Daily Chronicle," "a muffled bell has been tolling in the whirlwind, and in the knell, one hears an echo of the grim prophecy of the Old Believers to Peter the Great: 'Peterburg will be a desert!'" Perhaps this is a mere fancy, perhaps after the catastrophe and the doleful Peterburg will shrink forth again in pride and glory, but to-day there is an inexplicable sadness in this once imperious city.

Most of the British colony have left, and the few Englishmen who still remain ask one another where and when they are going. The Embassy is now occupied by the Consulate, and if there is one word of which the Consulate is utterly weary, it is "passports." Petrograd is becoming a desert.

The turbulent emotions of the year of revolution are exhausted, the fever is slackening, the pulse of life is very low. And the depression, the foreboding, are inarticulate. They cannot be summed up as the dread of any definite calamity—as the fear of the Germans, as fears of unrestrained anarchy. They are the gloomier because they are inarticulate, because they come of a sense of emptiness, of the ebbing away of life.

There has been a great exodus. The Government is migrating to Moscow, and has let fall hints that Moscow is to be proclaimed the capital. The Council of the People's Commissioners will have its seat in the Kremlin; Lenin will sit in the seat of the predecessors of Peter the Great, and the Neva will be deserted.

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## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

Night and Left Half Companies. Duty at Belchers Battery as per Roster and Instructions posted in the Company's Office at Headquarters.

Orders for Engineers Company by Captain W. Russell.

With to 24th May.—  
R. L. MANNING NIGHTLY.  
Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 8.30 p.m. Electricians at 8.45 p.m.

OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.

Belchers, Capt. W. Russell.  
Lyneum, 2nd Lieut. Hill.  
Stonehouse, 2nd Lieut. Brown.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGHER BATTALIONS AND  
MACH. AND MAN OF THE INFANTRY  
BATTALIONS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.

Class 1, at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, for attached N.C.O.s, and men who have not passed the "efficient" rate examination.

Class 2 at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s, and men desirous of higher ratings.

Class 3 at Lyneum at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Staff Serjeants, Wardens and Parsons, R.E., Sergt. Day and Corp. Morris, H.K.D.C., at Belchers; and Staff Sergts. Barclay and White, R.E., and Sergt. Williams, H.K.D.C., at Lyneum.

Detail of duties at Lyneum from 17th to 21st instant is posted at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" Company.

Thursday, 23rd May.—  
5.30 p.m.—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. Company drill, dress, drill order.

"B" Company.

Thursday, 23rd May.—  
5.30 p.m.—Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. Company drill, dress, drill order.

MACHINERY GUN COMPANY.

Thursday, 23rd May.—  
6.10 p.m.—Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend: Ptes. Field, Irvine, Labrum, A. C. D., Legan, C. R. Legan, McKersie and Stiphton.

Sunday, 26th June.—

Inter-Regiment competition for "Guardsman's Shield." Time and place will be notified later.

NOTIFIED SECTION.

Thursday, 23rd May.—  
5.30 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

NOTIFICATION SECTION.

Thursday, 23rd May.—  
5.30 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters. Dress, clean fatigue.

Note.—Titles (with boxes free from oil) and decorations are to be brought to the Parade on 21st May.

SECURITIES.

Thursday, 23rd May.—  
5.30 p.m.—All units except "D" Company at Headquarters under Sergt. Edmunds and Maudie. Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

STRENGTH.

Drummer Aspin is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

PARADES.

Friday, 24th May (Empire Day).—  
8.15 a.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections fall in at Star Ferry, Kowloon.

8.30 a.m.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections fall in at Star Ferry, Hongkong.

Leave from this parade will only be granted under very special circumstances.

G. E. STEWART,  
Captain.

Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1918.

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